## The LADY of the Mount ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS

Wny the commandant should have

"He did?" said the prisoner, with a

"Not hungry?" And the soldier,

who seemed a little the worse for

liquor, but more friendly in conse-

quence, walked in. "I don't wonder,

though," he went on, closing the door,

hanging his lantern above and plac-

ing the jug on the ground; "in such a

foul hole? What you need, comrade,

is company, and," touching significant-

ly his breast, "something warmer than

flows from the spring of St. Aubert."

"I tell you," began the mountebank,

when the soldier, staring, got a fair

look at the other for the first time and

"Oh, I took them off! You don't sup-

"Right you are, comrade!" re-

"No one in particular. You might,"

unbuttoning his coat to draw forth a

bottle, "have been any one! But I dare

not bad, compared to some of the

"You mean?" The mountebank

looked first at the closed blinds; then

at the door, and a sudden determina-

"Those especially prepared for the

"With Jacques for keeper! The lit-

tle sexton, we call him, because the

prisoners go generally from the cells

to the pit, and the quicklime is the

"This Jacques-" A growing impa-

tience shone ominously from the pris-

oner's glance; his attention, that of a

man straining to catch some expected

sound without, focused itself on the

speaker. "This Jacques-what sort of

"Oh, he lives anywhere; every-

where! Sometimes at the thieves'

inn; again in one of the storehouses

near the wheel. They say, though, he

is not a great hand to sleep, but pass-

es most of his time like a cat, prowl-

ing in and out the black passages and

tunnels of the Mount. But," abruptly

breaking off, "the play-that's what I

want to know about! The end! How

"Take the bottle, an' it'll loosen

"Then," philosophically, "must I

"Will you get out, or-" and the

mountebank stepped toward the other

with apparently undisguised inten-

"So that's your game?" Quickly the

soldier sprang to his feet. "I must

teach you a little politeness, my friend

-how we deal with uncivil people in

the army!" And throwing off his coat,

as ready for a bout at fisticuffs as for

an encounter of words, the soldier

confronted the clown. "When I'm

done, you'll sing that song of the stick

out of the other side of the mouth,

and think your wicked peasant re-

ceived a coddling from his master in

But the mountebank did not answer

-with words-and the soldier was

still threatening, and painting dire

prophetic pictures of what he intend-

ed doing, when a strong arm closed

about him; fingers like iron gripped

his throat, and, for some moments

thereafter, although of unusual size

and vigor, the man was more con-

cerned in keeping his feet than in

searching his vocabulary for pictur-

struggles and best endeavors to free

himself, he felt his head forced back-

wards; the grasp on his neck tight-

ened. Still he could not shake off that

deadly hold, and, aware that conscious-

ness was gradually leaving him, his

efforts relaxed. After that, for an in-

terval, he remembered nothing; but

with returning realization and a vague

sense of stiffness in his throat, in a

rough sort of way was prepared to ac-

cept defeat; acknowledge the other's

supremacy, and seal that acknowledg-

Only the mountebank afforded him

no opportunity thus to toast the "best

man:" with a long strap of leather

snatched from one of the pegs, he had

already bound the hands and feet of

his bulky antagonist, and was just ris-

ing to survey his handiwork, when the

"Here! What do you mean?" ex-

claimed the soldier, when even the

power vocally to express further sur-

prise or indignation was denied him,

in consequence of something soft be-

ing thrust between his teeth; and

mute, helpless, he could but express

in looks the disgusted inquiry his lips

refused to frage. (To Be Continued.)

ment over the bottle.

other opened his eyes.

"I'm in no mood for talking."

followers of the Black Seigneur, taken

prisoners near Casque, for example!"

rooms for guests at the Mount!"

turned the other, seating himself be-

thought you some other person."

"What-person?"

tion came to his eyes.

"They are dungeons?"

hunchback's graveyard!"

quarters has he?"

did it end?"

your tongue!"

"No."

"Yes."

"Eh?"

drink alone?"

"Not here!"

comparison!"

pose I'd sleep in my white clothes in

started back.

such a dirty-"

"Eh? What's this?"

cared, and ordered them brought-"

flash of quick surprise. "Well, I'm not

CHAPTER XX.

The Mountebank and the Soldler. As the mountebank walked out of hungry, but you can leave them." the apartment of the Governor's daughter, he drew himself up with an air of expectancy, like a man preparing for some sudden climax. Once beyond the threshold, his eyes glanced furtively back at the closed door, and, descending the stairs to the floor below, he carried his head a little forward, as if intent to catch unwonted sound or outcry. But no raised voice or unusual noise reached his ear, and his footsteps, as the party issued forth into the street, responded briskly to the soldiers' pace. Still with the same air of strained attention, now mingled with a trace of perplexity, he followed his guard until called upon to stop.

"You are to sleep here!" As he

spoke, the commandant opened the door of what seemed a low out-building, not very far from the general bar racks, and motioned the mountebank fore the door on a three-legged stool to enter. The latter, after glancing he found in a corner. "But for the quickly at the speaker and the sol- moment you gave me a start. I diers behind, bent to step across the dark threshold, and, still stooping, on account of the low roof, looked around him. By the faint glimmer of light from a lantern one of the soldiers held, the few details of that squalid say you have had them off in worse place were indistinctly revealed: A places than this-which, after all, is single stall whose long-eared occupant turned its head inquiringly at the abrupt appearance of a companion lodger; bits of harness and a number of traps hanging from pegs on the wall, and, near the door, on the ground, a bundle of grass, rough fodder from the marshes close by the shore. This last salt-smelling heap, the officer, peering in with a fastidious sniff, indicated.

"That's your bed! A softer one than you would have had but for the Lady

The prisoner returned no answer, and in the voice of a man whose humor was not of the best, the commandant uttered a brief command. A moment or two the light continued to pass fitfully about the stable; then it and the moving shadows vanished; a key grated in the door, and the sound of the officer's receding footsteps was followed by the diminishing clatter of men's heels on the flagging stone. Not until both had fairly died away in the distance and the silence was broken only by certain indications of restiveness from the stall, did the prisoner

First, to the door, which he tried and shook; then, avoiding the pile of fodder, to the wall, where, feeling about the rough masonry with the energy of one who knew he had no time to spare, his hands, ere long, encountered the frame of a small window. Any gratification, however, he might have experienced thereat found its offset in the subsequent discovery that the window had heavy iron blinds, closed and fastened, and was further guarded by a single strong bar set in the middle, dividing the one inconsiderable aperture into two spaces of impassable dimensions. But as if spurred by obstacles to greater exertions, flercely the man grasped the metallic barrier, braced himself, and put forth his strength. In its setting of old masonry, the rod moved slightly; then more and more, and the prisoner, breathing a moment hard, girded himself anew. A wrench, a tug, and the bar, partly disintegrated, snapped in the middle, and holding the pieces. the prisoner fell somewhat violently back. Armed now with an implement that well might serve as a lever, he. nevertheless, paused before endeavoring to force the formidable fastenings of the blinds; paused to tear off the tight-fitting clown's cap; to doff the costume of the mountebank covering the rough, dark garments beneath, and vigorously to rub his face with some mixture he took from his pocket. He had made but a few passes to remove the distinguishing marks of paint and pigment, when a sound without, in the distance, caused him to desist.

Footsteps, that grew louder, were esque imagery. Then, in spite of his coming his way, and, gripping his bar tighter the prisoner grimly waited; but soon his grasp relaxed. The sound was that of a single person, who now paused before the entrance; fumbled at the lock, and, with an impatient exclamation, set something down. At the same time the prisoner dropped his weapon and stooped for the discarded garments; in the dark, they escaped him and he was still searching, when the bolt, springing sharply back, caused him to straighten.

"Are you there, Monsieur Mountebank?" The door swung open; an uncertain light cast sickly rays once more within, and beneath the lantern, raised above his head, innocent of the danger he had just escaped, the round visage of the good-natured soldier who had escorted the mountebank to the auberge des voleurs looked amicably and inquiringly into the darksome

"Yes; what do you want?" the answer came more curt than courteous. "What do I want?" the fellow re-

peated with a broad smile. "Now that's good! Perhaps it would be more to the point to ask what do you want? And here," indicating a loaf and jug in his hand "I've got worm though

OFFICIAL. LICENSE LAW.

An Ordinance for imposing and col-Alexandria, Va., for the year com-mencing on the 1st day of June, 1912, and ending on the 31st day of May,

mencing on the 1st day of June, 1912, and ending on the 31st day of May, 1913.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, That there shall be levied upon and collected from all persons required to be isted as subject to a license tax, the following taxes, viz:

1. On every license to sell ardent spirits by wholesale, as defined in An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 15th, 1910, the specific license tax shall be Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars.

(NOTE.—Any person desiring also to carry on retail must secure separate license but only pay one-half required by Section Two.)

2. On every license to sell ardent spirits by retail, as defined in An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 15th, 1910, the specific license tax shall be One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

3. On every license to sell as retailer and shipper of ardent spirits, as defined in An Act of the General Assembly approved March 15th, 1910, the specific license tax shall be Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars.

4. On every Sample Liquor Merchant license, as defined in An Act of the General Assembly approved March 15th, 1910, the specific license tax shall be Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars.

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6. On every license to sell malt liquors by wholesale, as defined in An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 15th, 1910, the specific fleense tax shall be One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

7. On every hotel or house of public entertainment Twenty-five Dollars and when liquors are sold One Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars of distilled spirits or wines by any process One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars.

9. On all agents for the sale of lager beer, porter or ale, manufactured out of the city One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Dollars.

19. On each agent for the sale in the city of ginger beer, pop, minera, water, catawba or soda water, manufactured without the city, Twenty-five Dollars, and said agent shall be privileged to distribute the same to his austomers and collect his bottles without tay on the horse or warm used.

ust tax on the horse or wagon used or the purpose.

11. On every person, firm or corpor-tion conducting the manufacture and aic of pop, ginger ale, sarsparilla o, ther aerated water from wagons, Tel-bollars.

sale of pop, ginger ale, silrsparing of other aerated water from wagons, Tendollars.

12. On every commission merchant or firm the specific license or tax shall be Thirty Dollars.

13. On every person for the privilege of peddling or bartering, the tax shall be Twenty-nive Dollars per year or Three Dollars per mouth, and only, the person named therein shall be privileged to peddle under this license.

14. On every person or firm for the privilege of selling oil from wagons to excess of five gallons to one person the tax shall be Twenty-live bollars and any person, persons or firms selling or peddling oil from vehicle on ank wagon in quantities not in excess of four and one-half gallons shall pay a specific tax of Five Dollars.

15. On every person or corporation conducting the business of real estate agent, or broker, there shall be levied a sandie tay of Fifty bollars.

conducting the business of real estate agent, or broker, there shall be levied a specific tax of Fifty Dollars.

16. On every auctioneer Forty Dollars, and no auctioneer shall sell real estate at public auction without taking out a license under this section.

17. On every person canxassing to sell books, maps, prints or pictures already published or peddling the same, Ten Dollars.

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ars.

20. On every junk dealer, Seventyive Dollars.

21. On every person canvassing or
ouying any junk or any other matter
for any junk dealer, or for sale to any
junk dealer doing business in this city,
ritteen Dollars, and only one person
can canvass under this license.

2. On every person or dealer seliing antique or second hand furniture
Filteen Dollars, provided such person
or dealer is not taxed under some other section of this law or is charged
with a tax on capital.

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23. On every person who shall sel
tobacco or cigars in quantities not les-

Five Dollars.

24. On every ship broker, Forty Dollars.

25. On every money broker, or firm of brokers or bankers, naving an office within the city, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars. y Dollars.
26. On every pawn broker, Sixty

26. On every pawn broker, sixty Dollars. 27. On every commercial broker, as defined in the revenue laws of the State, there shall be a license tax of forty dollars. This does not apply to

ucket shops. 28. On every person or firm lending On every person or firm lending money on household goods, furniture, sewing machines, wearing apparel, musical instruments, wages, safaries, etc., there simil be levied a tax of Fifty Doliars per year.
 On every proprietor of a bucket shop or dealer in puts, calls or futures on or for flour, grain, cotton, pork, lard, or oil, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.
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30. On every person or persons ac ng as agent or agents for any fir narine, life, or other insurance con oany, or companies, naving an offic a the city of Alexandria, Fifty Dollar in the city of Alexandria, Fifty Donars for each company represented by such agent; and for each assistant or soliciting agent Twelve Dollars. On every person seeking business for or soliciting for any companies who have no agencies in the city of Alexandria, Fifty Dollars for each company so represented.

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sureties or surety bands there shall be
evied a specific license tax of Fitteer
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32. On every house of private enterainment the license tax shall be Five
Dollars, and five per cent on the rental
value in excess of two hundred dollars
33. On every cook shop or eating 53. On every cook shop or eating louse, the tax shall be Five Dollars. 54. On every person or persons keeping a bowling alley, or saloon, the specine license tax shall be Ten Dollars, and Five Dollars on each alley in such ma rive Donars on each alley in such obuse in excess of one. 35. On every person or firm keeping billiard table or pool table for pub-ic use, whether a charge be made for daying or not, Five Dollars on each

ile use, whether a charge be made for playing or not, Five Dollars on each table.

36. On every nickel in the slot machine of any description as defined by the State law there shall be levied a tax of Five Dollars per year.

37. On every person or firm keeping a bagatelle or other similar table for public use, whether a charge be made for playing or not, Five Dollars on each table.

38. On every theatrical performance, or any performance similar thereto, panorama, or any public performance or exhibition of any kind (except exhibition of moving or moving and talking pictures), lecture, literary rendings and performances, except for charitable or educational purposes, in any hall or public room or other building where an admission fee is charged, for each week of performance of six consecutive days, Five Dollars; if less than one week. Three Dollars for each performance. Any license issued under this section shall also include the right to operate a moving or moving and talking picture amusement as a part of the performance.

39. On every person, firm or corporation, conducting a place of amusement, commonly called moving or moving and talking pictures, to which an admission fee is charged, for each week of six consecutive days for conducting the same. Three Dollars; if less than one week. One Dollar for each exhibition or performance.

A license issued under this section shall be for the privilege of moving or moving and talking pictures only.

Hundred Dollars for each day's per- per day, or Twenty-five Dollars pe Hundred Dollars for each day's performance, and for every show or exhibition connected therewith, or travelling therewith, Five Dollars for each day's performance. On every exhibition or show where gifts or prizes are distributed or promised. Ten Dollars for each additional day, provided said performances are given within one week.

76. On every oyster dealer, there shall be a specific tax of Three Dollars for each additional day, provided said performances are given within one charge for hauling their own merchan-

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Is granted.
73. On a two-horse back or carriage.
Four Dollars. But this shall not appeared to be been selling to licensed livery stable keepers.
74. On every hearse, Fifteen bollars.
75. On every person selling upon the public streets any patent medicines, patent rights, receipts, prescriptions, or any drug or article of

40. On every exhibition of a circus any kind or description whatsoever menagerie o either of them. One there shall be a tax of Five Dollars

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